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1. In order to have control over all newspapers and periodicals, the Sudanese Government has encouraged the establishment of the Sudan Journalists' Association, which was organized for the announced purpose of serving the needs of the national press. Actually, it is an indirect instrument of the government and is in close contact with the Press Section of the Public Relations Office of the Sudan Government.
2. Until recently Michel Isawi, who is now in the Sudan Agency in Cairo, was in charge of the Press Section of the Public Relations Office. The Sudan Journalists' Association is directed by the following two political leaders:
 - a. Ahmad Yussif Hasim, Chairman of the Association and the editor-proprietor of Sudan al-Qadid, who is the President of the Nationalist Party and a Journalist of wide experience. He formerly edited al-Nil and is considered to be one of the leading commentators on local Sudanese affairs.
 - b. Ismail Atabani, Secretary of the Association and the editor-proprietor of al-Rai-al-Amin. He formerly edited Sawt-al-Sudan. Although Atabani is a prominent member of the Unionist Party and was once the Secretary of the Sudan Graduates' General Congress, he has managed to maintain a neutral political position.
3. The following well-known editors support separatist, Independence Front, and Umma Party policy:
 - a. 'Abd-al-Rahim Amin, former lecturer in Arabic at Gordon College in Khartoum and chief editor of al-Nil. He was transferred from the staff of al-Nil to al-Umma.
 - b. Muhammad Ahmad 'Umar, who replaced Amin as editor of al-Nil. He formerly edited al-Hadi, a weekly.
 - c. Mahmud Mustafa Tahir, former editor of al-Umma.

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- d. Yussif Mustafa Tinai, member of the Executive Council of the Umma Party and former editor of al-Umma.
- 4. The most prominent unionist editors and publishers are as follows:
 - a. 'Abdullah Mirghani, Secretary of the Unionist Party and editor of Sawt-al-Sudan.
 - b. Muhammad Ahmad Salamabi, assistant editor of Sawt-al-Sudan.
 - c. Mahmud Fadli, editor of the now defunct al-Ashiqqa. Until June 1948 he was the Secretary-General of the Sudan Graduates' Congress. Fadli is a prominent member of the Ashiqqa Party.
- 5. Additional well-known editors and publishers are as follows:
 - a. Mekki Abbas, owner and editor of al-Raid, a magazine.
 - b. Muhammad Amin Beshir, former owner and editor of al-Akhbar, a daily.
 - c. Salih Orabi, publisher of al-Telegraph until it stopped publication. He was once an assistant editor of Sawt-al-Sudan.
 - d. J.H. Davidson, editor of the Sudan Star, a daily.
 - e. Al-Fatih al-Nur, owner-editor of the Kordofan Magazine.
 - f. Kamal Magid and Amin Ryad, owners and editors of USBU, a weekly printed in Omdurman.
 - g. B. Shchet, editor of the Khartoum Daily Herald.

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